

The West Watch

Neighborhood Group

THE REPORTER

JULY 2009

WEST END YOUTH CENTER
20TH AND GREENLEAF STREETS
MEETING 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 14TH

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Fundraiser & VIN Etching

Please join us on Tuesday, July 14th for a fundraiser and for your pre-scheduled VIN Etching! Food will be available from 5-7 pm. This event will be held rain or shine, but VIN Etching will be rescheduled if it rains. Please help support our growing neighborhood group.

A Word From Our President

I keep hearing from our neighbors and from the presidents of other neighborhood watch groups about people going door-to-door selling things such as magazine subscriptions, security systems - even vacuum cleaners. You all know you should not let anyone you don't know into your home. However, did you know that anyone selling door-to-door is required by the City of Allentown to have a permit from the city? The first thing you should ask anyone coming to your door is "Do you have a permit from the City?" Ask to see it. If they can't produce one, shut the door, call the police non-emergency number and report them. I have also heard from some of you that you have called the police, and the police didn't show up or follow up with you. That is discouraging. But remember, the problem isn't the police. The problem is the people who are coming to your door. The police keep records of our calls, so keep calling regardless of the response. Let's keep our eyes on the real problem!



YES!! I am very pleased with the work that the West Watch Neighborhood Group is doing and I would like to make a donation to support their many efforts such as the newsletter, meetings, and community events



SORRY. I am not able to help the West Watch Neighborhood Group with a financial contribution at this time but I would like to help in other ways. Please contact me with how I can help.

You can make your check or money order payable to:

The West Watch Neighborhood Group
& Send it to:
809 N 20th St.
Allentown, PA 18104

Numbers To Know

Police-Fire-Ambulance	911
Police –Non-emergency	610-437-7751
Police—Vice Unit	610-437-7726
Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Noise Complaints	610-437-7751
Street Lights	610-437-7735
Weeds/Overgrown Grass	610-437-8729
Graffiti Removal/ Recy- cling	610-437-8729
Vacant Property Issues	610-437-7694
Zoning Violations	610-437-4360
Animal Control	610-437-7535

Block Captains

If your area does not have a block captain, contact Stephen Zatko or the Block Captain closest to you

Mark & Maryellen Gamble 800 Block N Berks St	molly098@enter.net
Nick Remy 2746 W Livingston St	484-225-8191 ndremy@pdt.net
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Block Captains Needed!

We have started our Block Captain program and are looking for more people to join the program. We've been asked what a Block Captain does, and here is what we'd like everyone to start with: Introduce yourself to your neighbors starting on your street and branching out as far as you're comfortable. Talk to everyone in your area on a regular basis. Setup a communication chain to keep everyone informed of things going on in your area. Ask your neighbors to contact the police first and you second if something happens. Please contact Stephen Zatko for more information.

Substitutes Needed

We need your help. Our regular newsletter delivery volunteers need a break every now and then, so we need substitutes. If you can help us out by filling in wherever we need coverage and get to see a part of the neighborhood you may not know very well, please contact Pam Palmer at pamp@thewestwatch.org or 610-437-4570.

HOME SECURITY—Like an Onion!

Think Onion not Egg!

When you think about home security, think in layers like an onion. Burglars want to make a quick, unobserved entry. Multiple layers slow them down and increase the possibility they will be seen by a neighbor or someone passing by. Plant thorn or prickly bushes outside a window, have locks on the window and, on the inside, put something difficult to climb over under the window. On top of all this, have some kind of alarm system whether a monitored system or something that makes a loud noise.